German Surrender Paper 'Unauthorized'

NEW YORK, May 7 (AP) The German surrender document signed 21 years ago today had not been authorized by either the American or Soviet governments, says author Cornlius Ryan.

Ryan, who has written two books about World War II, said Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower later told him he used a short form because the "authorized" version was too detailed.

"It seemed silly to use a long document with all the fine print like an insurance policy when our object was to stop the fighting and the killing," Eisenhower said, according to Ryan.

Ryan gave his version of the affair in a soeech to the senior class at West Point yesterday.

The actual surrender document, signed in Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters in Reims, was drawn up in 90 minutes by a British aide, Lt. Col. John Counsell who modeled it on stories in the armed forces newspaper Stars and Stripes about the earlier German surrender in Italy, according to Ryan's account. The stories in the newspaper were written by Howard Taubman now a New York Times critic.

An Allied commission had been working for more than a year on a final surrender document. Ryan said. It was avaliable in London and could have been flown to Reims in a few hours, Ryan added.

Ryan said of the Big Three only Churchill approved the wording of the short document.

Ryan said the Russians held a second surrender ceremony in Berlin May 9, and it wasn't until June 5 that the main parts of the authorized surrender document were included in a formal declaration of Allied policy.